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Border Patrol Seizes Over \$1.7 Million in Drugs Last Week *Latest seizure nets over 232 pounds of Marijuana*

Pine Valley, California— U.S. Border Patrol agents seized over 232 pounds of marijuana Saturday, with an estimated street value of more than \$185,000, near the Interstate 8 checkpoint. This brings the estimated value of narcotic seizures over the past week to \$1.7 million.

In the latest seizure, agents working in the Pine Valley area stopped a suspicious looking pickup truck at about 10 a.m. as it tried to avoid the checkpoint by using old Highway 80. A Border Patrol detection dog alerted agents to four large bags in the rear of the truck containing over 232 pounds of marijuana. The driver of the vehicle and his passenger, both citizens of Mexico who had entered the U.S. illegally, were arrested for transporting a controlled substance.

Border Patrol agents in San Diego seized seven separate loads of illegal narcotics this past weekend alone with an estimated street value of over \$286,000. Over the last week, agents have recovered \$1.7 million worth of narcotics, including marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines (meth).

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